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1            AN ACT Relating to prioritizing existing funding for special safety  
2 corridor projects; amending RCW 82.08.020; adding a new section to  
3 chapter 46.68 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 82.08.020 and 2006 c 1 s 3 are each amended to read as  
6 follows:

7            (1) There is levied and there shall be collected a tax on each  
8 retail sale in this state equal to six and five-tenths percent of the  
9 selling price.

10           (2) There is levied and there shall be collected an additional tax  
11 on each retail car rental, regardless of whether the vehicle is  
12 licensed in this state, equal to five and nine-tenths percent of the  
13 selling price. The revenue collected under this subsection shall be  
14 deposited as follows:

15           (a) Seventy percent in the multimodal transportation account  
16 created in RCW 47.66.070; and

17           (b) Thirty percent in the special safety corridor account created  
18 in section 2 of this act.

1 (3) Beginning July 1, 2003, there is levied and collected an  
2 additional tax of three-tenths of one percent of the selling price on  
3 each retail sale of a motor vehicle in this state, other than retail  
4 car rentals taxed under subsection (2) of this section. The revenue  
5 collected under this subsection shall be deposited in the multimodal  
6 transportation account created in RCW 47.66.070.

7 (4) For purposes of subsection (3) of this section, "motor vehicle"  
8 has the meaning provided in RCW 46.04.320, but does not include farm  
9 tractors or farm vehicles as defined in RCW 46.04.180 and 46.04.181,  
10 off-road and nonhighway vehicles as defined in RCW 46.09.020, and  
11 snowmobiles as defined in RCW 46.10.010.

12 (5) Beginning on December 8, 2005, 0.16 percent of the taxes  
13 collected under subsection (1) of this section shall be dedicated to  
14 funding comprehensive performance audits required under RCW 43.09.470.  
15 The revenue identified in this subsection shall be deposited in the  
16 performance audits of government account created in RCW 43.09.475.

17 (6) The taxes imposed under this chapter shall apply to successive  
18 retail sales of the same property.

19 (7) The rates provided in this section apply to taxes imposed under  
20 chapter 82.12 RCW as provided in RCW 82.12.020.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 46.68 RCW  
22 to read as follows:

23 (1) The special safety corridor account is created in the motor  
24 vehicle fund. Thirty percent of the receipts from taxes collected  
25 under RCW 82.08.020(2)(b) on retail car rentals must be deposited into  
26 the account. Moneys in the account may be spent only after  
27 appropriation. Expenditures from the account may be used for special  
28 safety corridor projects. Special safety corridor projects are  
29 projects that may require bond financing to complete construction and  
30 safety improvements. The following criteria shall be used in  
31 determining which special safety corridor projects have the highest  
32 priority:

- 33 (a) Fatal accident experience;
- 34 (b) Historic underfunding of safety improvements;
- 35 (c) Ability to leverage additional nonstate revenue sources;
- 36 (d) Contribute to the economic development of the corridor; and
- 37 (e) Provide additional capacity to move people and goods safely.

1 (2) The following projects, listed in order of priority, are  
2 eligible for special safety corridor account funding:

3 (a) State route number 2 beginning near the junction with state  
4 route number 9 at milepost 5 to King county line at Stevens Pass near  
5 milepost 64;

6 (b) State route number 97 beginning at milepost 0 to milepost 63;  
7 and

8 (c) State route number 20 beginning near Sedro Woolley at milepost  
9 64 to near Newport at milepost 436.

10 Moneys deposited in the special safety corridor account may be used  
11 for payment of debt service on bonds the proceeds of which are used to  
12 finance special safety corridor projects under this section.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
14 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
15 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
16 immediately.

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